

CLEAN WATER SRF INFORMATIONAL MEETING & PROJECT SOLICITATION

Introduction

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is a low-interest loan program to assist communities with the planning, design and construction of eligible water pollution control infrastructure projects. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) capitalizes the New Hampshire CWSRF with yearly grants, which in turn are used to provide loans to eligible entities within the Granite State. Sub-recipients or borrowers are typically municipal or other local government entities. To apply, applicants must complete and return the enclosed "Pre-application for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund 2012 Capitalization Grant Funds" to Dan Fenno at daniel.fenno@des.nh.gov by 4:00 pm on **July 20, 2012**. Pre-applications can also be found on the DES website at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/srf_preapp.doc.

Informational Meeting

DES will be holding a "Clean Water SRF Informational Meeting" on **June 15, 2012** from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to educate potential loan applicants on how to apply for CWSRF funds. It will include an overview of the program as well as specifics on eligibility requirements, ranking criteria, loan conditions and application procedures. The meeting will be held in the DES Auditorium located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP by **June 8, 2012**. To RSVP, please contact Laura Weit-Marcum at (603) 271-3307 or laura.weit-marcum@des.nh.gov.

Project Ranking

The need for CWSRF project funding in NH far exceeds the financing available. Therefore, the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) has developed a ranking system to prioritize projects for the most efficient use of available funds. The criteria used to evaluate and rank pre-applications for wastewater projects can be found at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/wwtf_criteria.pdf and criteria for stormwater and nonpoint source projects can be found at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/nps_criteria.pdf. Only the highest scoring criteria for a ranking category will be used if more than one criterion is applicable to a project. If two or more projects receive an equal score, the tie-breaker and the higher ranking will go to the project serving the greatest existing population.

Public Hearing

DES will be holding public hearings on **August 31, 2012** at 9:00 am to receive public comments on three separate programs: the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program, the State Aid Grant Program for Water Pollution Control, and the Drinking Water System Interconnection & Groundwater Investigation Grant Program. The hearings will remain open until all attendees have been given an opportunity to comment. Each hearing will immediately follow the close of the preceding hearing. The hearing will be held in the DES Conference Rooms 110-114 located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.